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Bendigo Bank is one of Australia's largest banks and one of the country's most trusted brands*. If you want to feel good about who you bank with, drop in and talk to our Hastings team.

Bendigo Bank–Mornington Peninsula Youth Leadership Program

In the summer holidays in January, 35 young people gathered at Camp Manyung over two days to take part in a youth leadership program run by Mornington Peninsula Shire's Youth Services team. The region's Bendigo Bank branches have been proud to support this annual event since 2016.

The program gives young people aged 12–25 an opportunity to develop their confidence and leadership skills and inspires participants to play leadership roles in their community. Importantly, it also gives them a chance to get involved with council's youth committee, local community groups and volunteering, so they can put what they learn into action.

"I loved developing more self and social awareness, confidence and public speaking skills at this event. It helps increase your connectedness to your community,



Some of the 2022 Youth Leadership Program participants

and I would recommend it to anyone," said participant, Isabella, after the program.

In congratulating all the participants who took part, Deputy Mayor, Lisa Dixon noted that, "the world needs good leaders, now more than ever."

We couldn't agree more. Which is why our regional branches get together to make this opportunity happen for our local young people. We're delighted to inspire our future leaders and provide this opportunity.

New faces in our branch

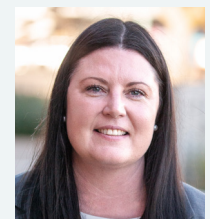
We are delighted to introduce you to the three new members of our Hastings branch team. They're looking forward to helping you.



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* Roy Morgan Risk Monitor Survey 2020



Inaugural Hastings Art Show

In April this year the inaugural Hastings Art Show was held with great success. Opening with a gala event, patrons were able to study the exhibits while enjoying drinks and light refreshments.

The art show was formally opened by Councillor Lisa Dixon, Deputy Mayor of the Mornington Peninsula Shire and Cerberus Ward representative. Cr Dixon is a prominent business owner in Hastings and a keen supporter of the arts.

Visitors were also entertained by judges, Yvonne Watson (director of Oak Hill Gallery) and Grant Kennedy (photographer), who explained why certain works are considered more worthy of awards than others, plus other interesting art insights.

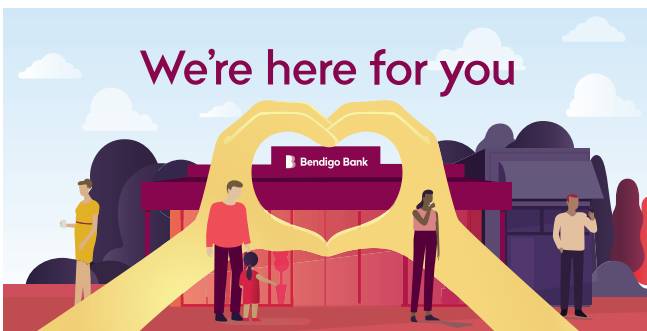
This is the very first art show specifically for Hastings, featuring a range of paintings and photographs exhibited in the Holy Trinity Anglican Church as well as online in a virtual gallery.

The aim of the show was to raise funds for rebuilding the Holy Trinity Community Op Shop, which is a major donor to services throughout the community. The shop was housed in the original Anglican Church building, a heritage-listed timber structure that caught fire and burned to the ground in 2018.

Since then, the op shop has operated out of a cramped portable, but rebuilding plans are council-approved, and the new project is ready to proceed.

Congratulations to Sandra Gould and the whole team for their efforts in creating this show and bringing a new exciting event to the community of Hastings.

hastingsartshow.com.au



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Crib Point Community House earns an award and celebrates 40 years

Crib Point Community House has been a lively and friendly gathering place for the Crib Point community for 40 years.

The initial community house began in 1982 in Park Road, Crib Point. When the school moved in 1984, the old building was vandalised and due to be demolished. Members of the house, with the support of some MPs, were able to save the building.

The state government handed the building over to the then Hastings Shire for refurbishment, and it became the home of the community house.

It is testament to the incredible spirit of the Crib Point community, the volunteers and team leaders, that this community house has operated for such a long time and continues to deliver a wide range of services.

Hastings Community Bank is proud of their long-standing support of this vital community group, but especially of some extraordinary work they did during the difficult days of the lockdowns.

We sponsor the annual Seniors' High Tea, but this was unable to be held in 2020. A resourceful team lead by Mary Budd instead organised for goody bags to be created and shared with isolated community members. This act of thoughtfulness earned them an award of Community Event of the Year in 2021.

Crib Point Community House offers a wide range of classes and community services, including craft and exercise activities. But the house is more than a venue for classes. It also offers health service information, support groups and referrals.

There is also the Safe Seats program which helps families safely install child car seats, as well as computer classes, access to the Internet, room hire and much more.

Crib Point Community House also holds a community market on the second Saturday of each month. Check their Facebook page for details.

To join a class or group, become a volunteer, join the committee or share your special skills or interest by tutoring others, visit the website.

cpch.org.au



Willum Warrain

Hastings has a lot more culturally interesting aspects than many people may realise.

Willum Warrain, located on the traditional lands of the Bunurong/Boon Wurrung people, is a safe cultural space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to gather. It is a place for hope and healing, culture and connection, being and belonging. But it is also a place for reconciliation. All who walk through the gates are welcome.

Willum Warrain offers a range of programs for indigenous people, including women's groups, men's groups, a youth group and a bush play group.

Another feature is the bush nursery, which is 100% Aboriginal community-owned and specialises in local indigenous plants from the Mornington Peninsula. All of the plants they sell have cultural uses and meanings for Aboriginal peoples. It is the only Aboriginal-run nursery retail and wholesale nursery south of Melbourne that is open to the public. You can drop in to buy plants for your own garden and learn about their benefits.

The nursery also takes on larger orders from businesses and agencies seeking to achieve Reconciliation Action Plan goals and procurement targets.

Cultural immersion and awareness tours are also available to pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary groups, community organisations, agencies and businesses. Enjoy a welcome to country, learn about bush tucker and traditional use of materials, but also develop an understanding of the stolen generation, treaty, diversity, the importance of preserving and supporting culture and much more.

As you explore the beautiful grounds, you can also witness the amazing healing of country. As this once exploited land, previously covered in many places by road base, is lovingly reclaimed, cleared and replanted, you can experience the value of honoring nature and the Earth we all share.

The sounds of frogs, the scent of medicinal and spiritual plants, the inspiring artworks and the welcoming smiles all combine to create an appreciation of culture and country. It is amazing to find this special place just off the Frankston-Flinders Road in Hastings.

Community Bank Hastings are proud to support Willum Warrain's valuable work.

willumwarrain.org.au

Below: Everyone is welcome to join the mob at Willum Warrain to learn about local Indigenous culture



Discover Hastings coming soon

Discover Hastings will boost local business and help support a thriving community. It is a local initiative backed by Community Bank Hastings and supported by the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, Hastings Rotary and the Hastings Community House.

Discover Hastings will be a central information point to promote local business, encourage tourism from outside our area, and support local community groups, sporting clubs and other local not for profit organisations.

The first stage of the initiative is the Discover Hastings website. It will initially function as a free directory with the plan to grow into a vibrant and interactive online community.

We are currently inviting registrations of interest from all local retail, wholesale and manufacturing businesses, service providers, community groups and any other interested parties who would like to be included as part of this exciting new opportunity.


Express your interest, or get more information by emailing: info@discoverhastings.org.au

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Local news and sport

Tune in to community radio RPP FM 98.7 for all the local news from across the peninsula. Sports fans will love their match broadcasts.



Australia's most trusted

Bendigo Bank has topped the list of Australia's most trusted banks in an independent survey of the nation's most trusted brands conducted by Roy Morgan.

"Our vision is to be Australia's bank of choice and to feed into the prosperity of our customers and communities, not off them," said Marnie Baker, CEO and Managing Director of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

SALT-Sport and Life Training

SALT – Sport and Life Training are on a mission to transform Australian culture through sport. They run courses on wellbeing, mental health, culture and leadership for young people through sporting clubs. These sessions help participants and teams to thrive.

Talk to us about co-funding a SALT session for your club. Learn more at: sportandlifetraining.com.au



Community contacts

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Mornington Peninsula Shire

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Hastings Fire Brigade

Emergency: 000 | Station: 5979 1221

Westernport Men's Shed

westernportms.mpmsn.com.au

Hastings Community House

5971 9198 | hastingscomhouse.com

Peninsula Transport Assist

9708 8241 | peninsulatransportassist.org

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